



COMMUNITY PROJECT ACCOUNT
(Small, De Minimus Public Projects)

APPLICATION

1) Name of Project: Governor's School Visitor's Center

Check Project Type:

Nonrecurring community requests for infrastructure:

Flooding

Roads

Lights

Sewer and drainage

Public buildings and grounds

Infrastructure related studies

Contributions to local governments in Greenville County for community projects

2) Amount of Funds Requested: \$5,000

3) Project Sponsor

Organization: Governor's School for the Arts

Mailing Address: 15 University St.

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4) Contact Person:

Name Rachel Hodges

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September 18, 2014

The Honorable Xanthe Norris
County Of Greenville
County Square
301 University Rdg Ste 2400
Greenville, SC 29601-3681

Dear Xanthe,

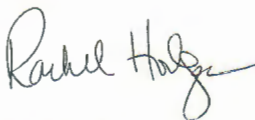
In just 14 years, the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities has become an icon for public arts education in South Carolina. Talented high school students from across the state have the opportunity to follow their passion for arts education in an environment of artistic and academic excellence. In 1999 donors generously supported the original Capital Campaign to establish this beautiful campus and now for the first time in 14 years, we are adding a new building to our campus. **Will you consider supporting the school with a contribution to the 2014 Capital Campaign to build the Visitor's Center?**

This new Center will occupy the only remaining land at the entrance to campus, and will welcome prospective students and parents as they arrive on campus. This new building will open other spaces throughout campus that will foster academic and artistic growth with new class rooms and a studio to support the new Animation Department – the school's first step into film. We respectfully request your continued support of this remarkable public educational institution. By contributing to the establishment and growth of this school, you have enabled The Governor's School and its students to achieve a long list of accolades. Here is just a sampling of the results yielded from your investment:

- The school boasts a 100% graduation rate and in 14 years, 1,500 South Carolinians have graduated from the school.
- The 2014 graduating class of 99 students earned more than \$24 million in scholarships.
- Alumni can be seen on Broadway as well as popular TV shows, in book reviews in the *NY Times*, art exhibits around the globe, musical performances both near and far, and performing with every major dance company in the country.
- In 2014, *US News and World Report* ranked the school second best in South Carolina and the 45th best high school in the nation for its academics.
- Consistently ranked as one of South Carolina's top three public high schools in SAT scores.

Your advocacy for arts education in South Carolina makes a difference. On behalf of the Governor's School community, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Rachel Hodges
Chair, Governor's School Foundation Board of Directors